

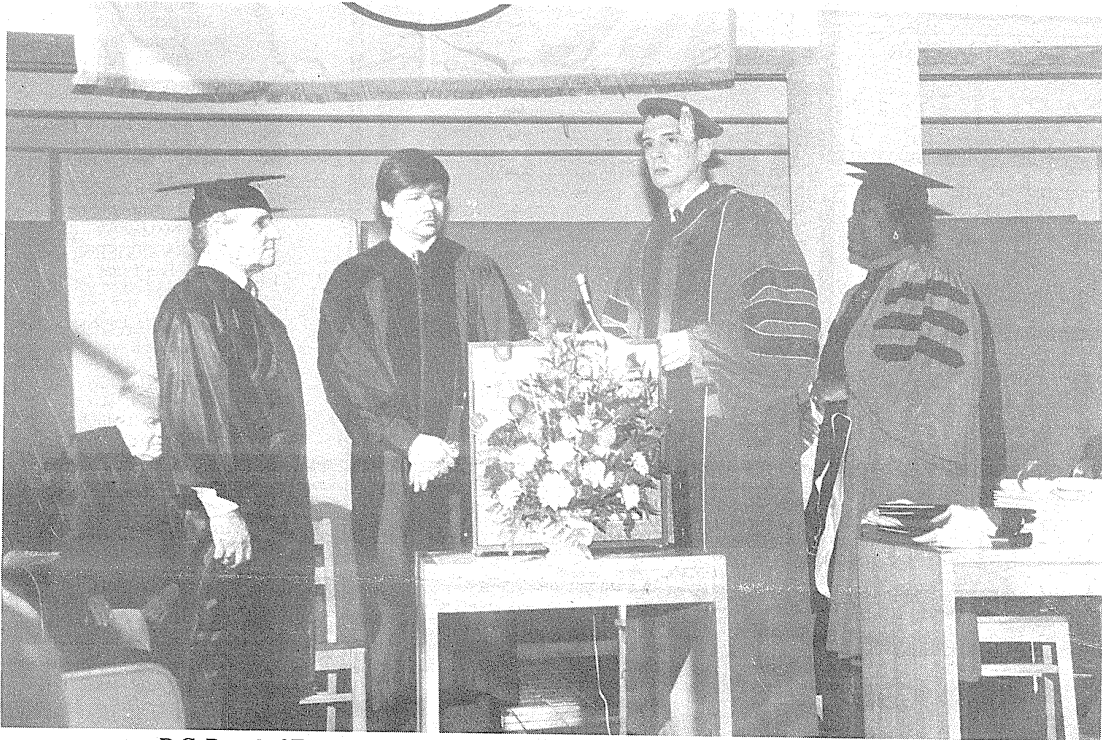
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D.C. Board of Education President R. David Hall, in the middle on the left, receives Honorary Degree from Southeastern University

SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY CONFERS DEGREES

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EIGHTH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is extremely proud to announce their Eighth Annual Black History Observance. It is titled "African American Explorers: From Pre-Columbus to Space Age." It will be held on Monday, February 23rd, 4 pm at Saint Matthews Lutheran Church, 3rd & M Streets, S.W.

Mr. David S. Brewer, Vice President of the SWNA and chairman of the event, has assembled an array of community talents. From the Syphax Elementary School the Kids Gospel choir will sing. There will be poetry readings from Amidon and Anthony Bowen Elementary schools, and a surprise from Jefferson Junior High School and Van Ness Elem. School.

The program will have special guest, Ms. Robin "Sugar" Williams. She is a Jefferson JHS graduate and is presently attending Eastern Senior High School. On hand to deliver the keynote address will be the honorable D.C. congresswoman, Eleanor Holmes Norton. Also attending will be Ward 2 Councilmember, Jack Evans and Ward 2 School Board President, R. David Hall. The event will be one of the most exciting Black History programs in the city. Come to Saint Matthew's on Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 4 pm.

ERROR IN DATE

Due to scheduling, Dr. Reginald Wilson has moved the date of the Book Party from February 22 to Wednesday, February 26, 1992. It will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES.

BUZZARD POINT PLANNING MEETING

The D.C. Office of Planning is beginning an intensive program to prepare a plan for the Buzzard Point/Near Southeast area. This program begins with a community meeting at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 7, 1992. We would like to encourage those in the area to attend. If you have any questions, call Paul Hart at 202-727-6503.

Volunteers

The goal of *The Southwester* has always been to foster a spirit of community by improving communication and understanding among the diverse economic levels and ethnic groups in the Southwest area. To continue trying to achieve this goal, we need your help.

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SWNA/ANC

The 1992-1993 S.W. Scholarship Fund

The new chair of the 1992 Scholarship Fund is Barbara A. Murray. She has been active on this committee for 2 years. Ms. Murray works as a health educator for the District of Columbia Commission of Public Health. She works with pregnant teenagers; and is also involved in AIDS awareness and substance abuse education. She has done lots of volunteer work at the YWCA and was the DC Branch Executive.

Prior to coming to D.C. Ms. Murray was a high school teacher in Detroit. When she came to Washington, she taught at Howard University. She and her husband have lived in S.W. for twenty years. Her husband, Lonnie is Treasurer of the SWNA (Southwest Neighborhood Assembly). Her son Tony was born here in SW. He was a high-school entrepreneur who took care of lots of pets and plants belonging to neighbors in his apartment building. When he went off to college, this phase of his career ended. He was a recipient of a grant from the S.W. Scholarship Committee in 1992.

The former chair and member since 1976, Francine Vinson, has been head of the committee since the beginning years. At first, all of the money was raised by Riverpark and the scholarship committee selected the students who were eligible for a grant. Soon, the committee came to be responsible for the entire effort.

Ms. Vinson has given so many such a boost that we want to give her a special "thank you" for her many years of help. She said that she misses her interaction with the many young people. The SW youths who viewed her as their mentor are sorry to see her go. The Committee is grateful for all that she has given over the years. We wish the new chair, Ms. Murray, good luck and give her our full support.

The Scholarship Committee is already busy making plans to help new students as well as to continue funding to former recipients. The members include Barbara Murray, Jann Buller, Carolyn V. Burgess-McCormick (the SW Librarian), Carole Early, Rick Leggett, Dale McIver and Cassandra Singleton.

So many people have been so generous about past contributions. A word of "Thanks" is in order. Now, more than ever, we are dependant on your generosity. There are so many youths in S.W. who want to attend college and the S.W. Scholarship Fund helps them to do so.

Former and new contributors, mail donations to WNA Scholarship Committee; P.O.Box 3481; Washington, DC 20024. Checks should be made out to S.W. Community Council, Inc. Application forms for these grants will be available to students in late February at the SW ranch Library.

These grants are open to any resident of Near Southwest (north of the Anacostia River). Your p code number must be 20024. If you live in this area, you can apply for one of the grants. Last year nineteen students were awarded scholarships.

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SOUTHWEST ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS March 28th and 29th at Safeway

It is time once again to help elect your representative to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Our nominating committee, headed by Ethel Williams, is looking for people, new and old, to serve. There is still time for you to nominate yourself or your friend.

Southwest area is bounded by the Potomac River on the south and west, Capitol South on the East and the Freeway on the north. Our area is

divided into four districts and each district has either two or three board members depending on the population. The boundaries of the districts are listed below with the present nominees. More can be added to each list. Call in your nominations to Ethel Williams, 484-0515. Chair of committee, Bonnie Johnson, 479-0049, or Alvin Hutchins, 727-4618 Committee members.

Nominees:

President: David Brewer
Vice Pres. You?
Secretary Donald Macdonald
Treasurer Lonny Murray

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2D NEWS

1. At its February 10, 1992 meeting the Commission:
A. Heard from Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans and the director of Neighborhood Service Center #5, Robert Weaver.

a. Heard Col. J. C. Flynn and Capt. Gregg Olson of the Marine Barracks present the Marine Corps' plan for improving the area under the freeway between 7th and 8th Streets SE. In exchange for the exclusive right to use the parking spaces there, the Marines will put a 24-hour sentry on the site and keep it clean. In addition, they will replace the tennis courts with a second basketball court, and they will surrender their on-street parking permits. The Commission will coordinate its review of this proposal with ANC 6B, which borders the site on the north-side.

b. Reviewed several liquor license applications (new and renewal) but took no action on any of the applications.

c. Considered a request by the Washington Post to the city government to close the alley behind their plant in Southeast. The Post cited security needs for their action. According to the city Surveyor's Office, if the alley is closed, ownership of the alley will go to the Post. In the end, the ANC voted to support the alley closing, but only on the condition that the District receives the fair market value for the land. 2. At the ANC's next meeting, 7:30 pm, March 9, at 400 I Street SW, the Commission will discuss (1) whether or not to endorse or oppose

District I. N of M St., W of 3rd St.

1. Apuala Brown
2. You?

District II. N of M St., E of 3rd St

1. Ramona Turner
2. Ronald Collins
3. You?

District III. S of M St., W of Delaware

1. Walter Brooks
2. Ann Jackson
3. Loretta Reeves

District IV. S of M St., E of Delaware

1. Carmelita Simmons
2. Pat McMahan
3. Reginald Whren

The election will be held on Friday, March 28th from 4 to 8 P.M. and on Saturday the 29th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Everyone over 18 who lives in the Southwest area is eligible to vote.

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GSA's plan for the Southeast Federal Center, (2) efforts to improve the maintenance and operation of the Arthur Capper recreation center, and (3) the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation, among other topics.

3. ANC Officers for 1992 are: C.W. Hargrave, Chairperson; L. LaVerne Reeves, Vice-Chairperson; Robert Dunbar, Secretary; Le Eckles, Treasurer; and James Jennings, Member-at-large to the Executive Committee.

4. The ANC will meet the 2nd Monday of each month, except October when it will meet on the 3rd Monday.

*The Southwest/Southeast
Advisory Neighborhood Commission*

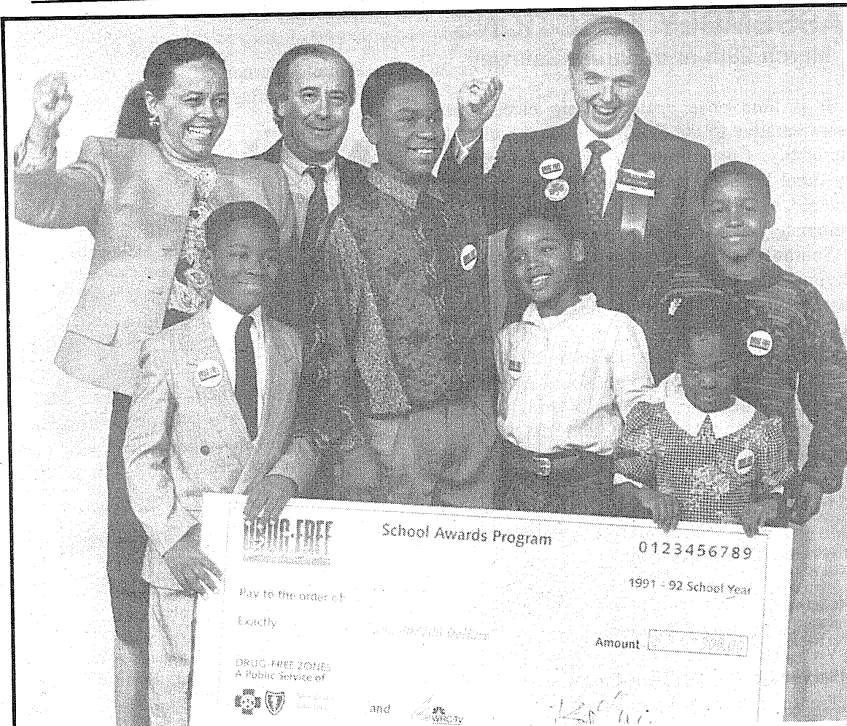
ANC 2D MEETING

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time on the agenda call 554-1795.*

PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST

THROUGH THE EYES



Back row, L-R Helen Davis (faculty sponsor), Alan Horlick (President and General Manager WRC/TV) and Ben Giuliani (President and CEO Blue Cross and Blue Shield of the National Capital Area) pose with student recipients in Drug Free Zones School Awards Program

(A RESOUNDING) YES TO DRUG FREE ZONES

by Jerry Blasenstein

Quite possibly you have been watching WRC-TV4 and seen a public service announcement to "make your school a drug-free zone." What has just been witnessed is a tangible product of the Drug Free Zones (DFZ) Program. DFZ is a multi-million dollar, three year program co-sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of the National Capital Area (BCBSNCA) and WRC. The goal of the campaign is to disseminate drug awareness and prevention in the schools, the workplace, and throughout the neighborhoods.

The DFZ campaign is headquartered in the BCBSNCA building at 550-12th Street, SW. The campaign's enthusiastic director, Jan Bowsell, explained the three components of DFZ: School Awards Program, Workplace Program, and Neighborhoods Program.

The School Awards Program is the flagship of the campaign. Each school in the Metropolitan Area is eligible to enter the program and to receive cash awards for the most innovative ideas offered by the kids. The underlying concept is that "kids talking to kids" will make a much greater impact. The incentives, besides the cash awards, are TV appearances, meetings with celebrities and politicians, and self-satisfaction in seeing ideas brought to fruition. There is a faculty advisor who helps each group to get the message across.

The awards program for 1990-91, held on January 30, 1992, recognized the achieve-

ments of 76 winners in DC, Maryland, and Virginia, with three \$1000.00 grand prize winners-Evans JHS (DC), Carmody Hills Elem. (MD), and Mullen Elem. (VA). Other noteworthy achievements included those made by Anita Turner School (DC). The "Soldiers in the Drug War" produced a patchwork quilt to get the word out, with patches going to the Redskins, President Bush, and Mayor Kelley. The Malcolm X School (DC) received a special award for a large mural covering an entire wall of the school, delivering a strong anti-drug message to the entire community. Other activities include mentoring programs, "game shows", and family nights.

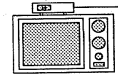
Another facet of DFZ is "Drugs in the Workplace", which has published a Handbook for Small Businesses. This has proven a great success, focusing on what can be done in the workplace for small/medium sized employers in the Metro Area.

The third component is the Neighborhood Program. Geared to specific neighborhoods, the program has developed a user-friendly handbook, plus a video, to motivate private citizens to work in their own environments to effect change.

As explained by Ms. Boswell, DFZ is focused on the suburbs as well as the inner city. So far this year, positive reinforcement has reached about 30,000 people. All of these efforts attest to the slogan of the campaign-"Where we draw the line on Drugs."

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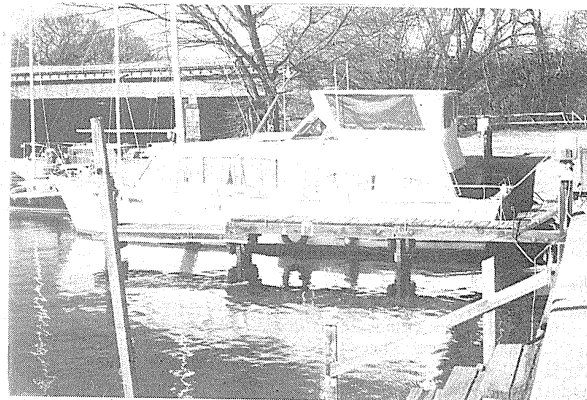
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Volunteers Ida Lirette (left) and Sally Darnar



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by Marguerite Gilstrap

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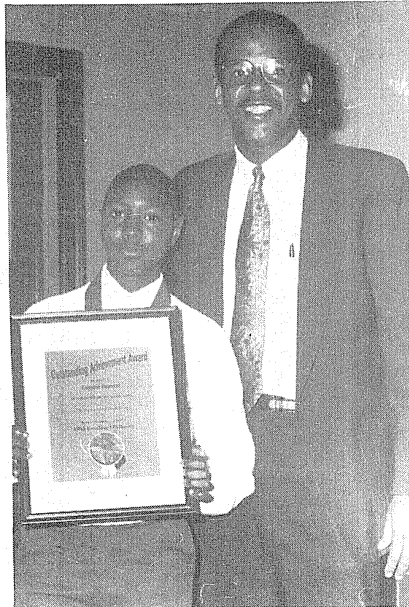
To share their delight in voyages by frigate/books with students at Bowen school who like to read, and to encourage others to join them, officers in the Military Sea Lift Command stationed at the Navy Yard volunteered to stage a Reading Olympics contest.

Principal Edward Wells and third grade teachers Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Boykins, fourth grade teachers Mrs. Hawthorne and Mr. Mayo, fifth grade teachers Mr. Gunn and Mrs. Jefferson, and sixth grade teachers Mrs. Bobo and Mr. Harden found many students eager to take part in the contest. They had five weeks to read as many books as they could and write a report on each book. Mr. Perry Picorillo, Mr. Ken Allen, and Ms. Sally Danner of the Military Sea Lift Command were the judges.

One hundred forty four students came to the Bowen auditorium for their awards. They had read 835 books. Class by class, they were called to the front of the room by the mistress of ceremonies, Ms. Tricia Lawson of the Military Sea Lift Command, to receive awards designated as gold for the first place, silver for second, and bronze for third. And then the photographer made a picture. Ms. Larson's brother Jim, was in costume as Raphael, the mischievous Nintendo turtle, who interrupted the program often, insisted on being in every picture.

President David Hall of the D.C. School Board gave the awards to the top reader in each class: DeAngelo Gamble and Remi Marten, fourth grade; Yrealanda Collins and Michael Anthony, fifth grade; and Janice Baker and Eugene Barrett, in the sixth.

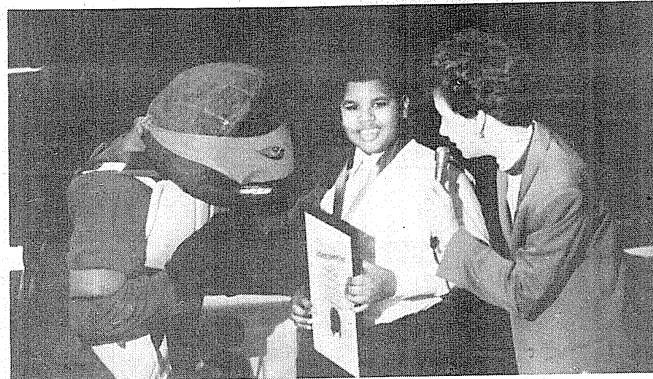
The final awards—a Pizza party, donated by Dominos to the winning class in each grade—went to Ms. Boykins's third grade; Ms. Hawthorne's fifth grade; and Ms. Bobo's sixth grade.



Eugene Barrett displays his award for top reader in his sixth grade class presented by his teacher, Mr. Harden



Fifth grader Yualanda Collins accepts her award for top reader from her teacher, Mrs. Jefferson



Third grader Harold Crawley receives outstanding Achievement Award in Bowen E.S. Reading Olympics



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Old time Southwest residents fondly remember the Southwest Festival of the Arts which used to be held each June before it became Riverfest. This is a new attempt to have a local event.

The Festival will be free and open to the public noon to 6 P.M.

For information contact Barbara Ehrlich
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I read your copy of the *Southwester* and found Ruth Gould's story pretty sad. She is so right. I have only been employed in the District for 7 months and, to tell you the truth, I am deathly afraid to even walk to my car. I saw Ruth's face and it wasn't a pretty sight. The security at Waterside Mall is so terrible. At night they have only two people working. What is this world coming to? I want to stay unknown, but I too have had a problem and security responded only because I tracked them down. The security is never there when needed. They are too worried about which female looks good and what she has on. I hope that you will take my letter into consideration and please print it.

I work at Waterside Mall and it is very dangerous. It is really sad you can't go grocery shopping or just walk through the Mall without having to look over your shoulder. Waterside Mall needs to hire more security or get a new line of security altogether. My advice to anyone that visits the Mall or works there is twofold. You should never leave alone, and try to look over your vehicle. Security at Waterside Mall is not looking out for you--they are looking for the paycheck. Please everyone, just be careful. I agree with Ruth that the Metro is good in a lot of ways, but anyone in their right mind should know that when you build-up a community, the more trouble you will have. Many of my friends have been attacked on several occasions so when is Waterside Mall going to do something about it?

I sure hope whoever is in charge of hiring this lousy security will wake up and help us scared citizens.

A Concerned Friend

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IS DENTAL CARE EXPENSIVE?

by Micheal J. Teitler, D.D.S. and Mary E. Callanan, D.D.S. (presenting a series of monthly columns on dental topics of general interest)

Is dental care expensive? It depends on how you look at it. The statistics say that the cost of dental care has increased at about the same rate as other basic goods and services in our economy. Other health care costs, however, have been exploding through the roof for as long as I can remember.

Now, I didn't say that dental care is cheap. The average person will not find the funds for a typical program of quality dental treatment lying about in the petty cash drawer. Compared to the cost of going to your physician, however, dentistry can be quite a bargain.

Most office visits to a physician involve very little "laying on of hands". A cold stethoscope, the tongue depressor, some questions about your symptoms and a prescription pretty much describe the typical office visit. (I know there are exceptions, but I'm trying to make a point - bear with me.)

Costs for a physician's office visit vary widely, but they don't usually strain the average budget too much. (for the sake of argument we'll ignore insurance - more on that in a moment.)

Any time the patient needs physical intervention, however, for tests or surgery for example, be prepared for the fees to go ballistic. Some people (but sadly not everyone), do have medical insurance. Without that insurance, very few of us could afford anything beyond the typical office visit.

The vast majority of dental office visits do involve the "laying on of hands". The dentist uses his dexterity to perform procedures that are nothing if not surgical in nature. Oral "surgery" is performed for every cleaning, filling, crown, bridge, extraction, root canal and implant

routinely done in the typical dental office.

A wise old instructor of mine at Georgetown University once told me, "Dentistry is like fixing a watch...under water and in the dark".

Clouding the issue is dental insurance. The availability of good dental insurance plans is one of the fastest growing types of employee benefits (a notable exception being the Federal government). More and more people are able to afford much needed dental care. But dental insurance is not like medical insurance. It is not meant to be a "pay-all" but merely an aid. The patient usually has more "out-of-pocket" expense with dental insurance. Overall, however, dental care is a very good value when considered in light of the general health care picture.

Is dental care expensive? It depends on how you look at it.

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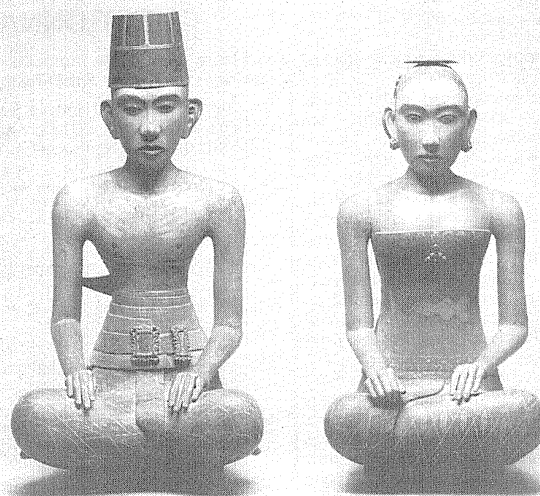
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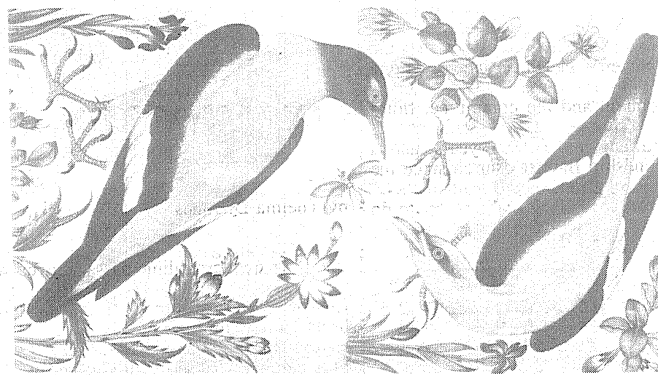
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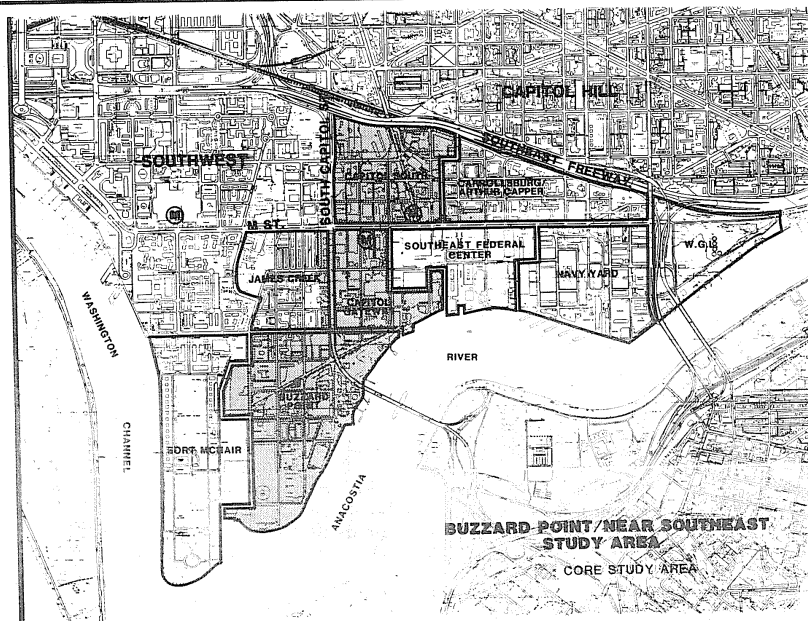
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RELIGION

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:
1ST YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

The Children's Church of Friendship Baptist Church is approaching its first anniversary year. The first year has really opened eyes and hearts. There is still room for improvement; with that thought, the church has planned more activities for the youths. The objective of the Children's Church was to give the children an understanding of the preaching and teachings of the Gospel. It is the founders' prayer that such reaching out is accomplishing the goal. In upcoming weeks the program will take on a new look with a broadening of goals. It is desired for the next year to be more visible and accessible, and to stand taller.

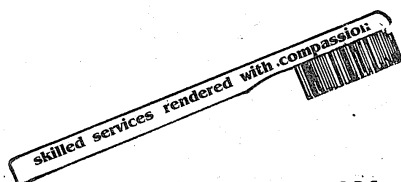
The Children's Church is acknowledging Black History Month, featuring some of its own members. The C.C. is proud to have several members over the age of ninety. The Month started with interviews of Mrs. Viola Manning (91) and Mrs. Daisy Johnson (93). Both spoke with lots of energy giving remarks to encourage the young people to hold on. "Let the Lord direct your paths, turn your life over completely to the Master and you will be blessed," they emphasized. Unfortunately, several other members were not able to be present for the interview: Sisters Helen Vincent, Edna Strickland, and Louise Bonds. However, on behalf of the church and the committee, floral arrangements and fruit baskets were sent to them. Mr. William Hall of 80+ years, and a member of Friendship Baptist Church since the 1930's, has a formula for how he made it there: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, try to do the right thing at all times, and live a drug free and alcohol free life."

SURVIVORS OF INCEST
ANONYMOUS (SIA)
SUPPORT GROUP

SIA (Survivors of Incest Anonymous) will continue having weekly meetings for Women Only at Riverside Baptist Church. The meetings will be on Wednesday and begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. They will end promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Survivors of Incest Anonymous is a twelve-step Recovery Program for men and women 18 and older who have been sexually abused as children, or as adults, by family members or anyone they trusted. In SIA, we learn we are not alone and are not to blame. There are no dues or fees.

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S.W. mourns the loss of legendary Benson Dutton (right)

IN MEMORY OF BENSON L. DUTTON

by Thelma D. Jones

A bridge is defined as "a structure spanning and providing passage over water, a railroad or other obstacle." In many ways, Benson Leroy Dutton gave the meaning of a bridge a new dimension.

Benson was born January 7, 1910 in Philadelphia. Raised and educated in Philadelphia, he graduated from Pennsylvania State University as the first African American to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1933. Benson was subsequently named the Distinguished Alumnus in 1971. In 1949, he returned to Pennsylvania State to complete his Masters in Civil Engineering.

His professional accomplishments included: Chief of survey party for the National Park Service in the city of York, PA (1933-34); professor of construction engineering at Hampton University in Hampton, VA (1940-47); founder and chairman of the School of Engineering at Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN; chief of bridge design for the Philadelphia Streets Department (1956-65); director, Office of Federally Assisted Construction, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (1970-77).

Benson used his skills both inside and outside his profession for the benefit of all. He helped to build the bridge that connected deserving Southwest youth to summer employment positions by being a member of the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force. Never one to shy away from a challenge, a couple of years ago, after the death of a youth, Benson lobbied City Hall and railroad officials to erect a barrier alongside the train tracks in Northeast Washington, DC. More recently, he was successful in lobbying city and school officials to provide transportation to the Webb Elementary School for homeless children residing in the New York Avenue area. Benson also volunteered his time generously with the United Way of the National Capital Area, in particular in the field of mental retardation. In addition, he took great pride in the writing of the "History of Blacks in the U. S. Navy" for the Naval Historical Center at the Washington Navy Yard.

After helping to build and connect bridges in a variety of ways, Benson seemingly was at peace with himself. Finally, yet peacefully on Tuesday, January 21, while at the Anacostia Subway Station, Benson's engineering spirit ceased. It is ironic that he would leave this earth at yet another bridge that he helped to erect, for he was a strong advocate and worked diligently on the opening of the Green Line to Anacostia.

The Southwest community salutes one of its own, Benson Leroy Dutton, PE, FASCE, for using his professional career to help design various types of bridges for the betterment of humankind. In honor of Black History Month, the Southwest Library will display an exclusive pictorial chronological exhibit through March 31 of the erection of the Spring Garden Street Bridge (over the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia), a \$3.8 million project for which Benson served as the chief design engineer.

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SYPHAX HAPPENINGS

On November 1, 1992, Syphax Elementary School, at Half and N Streets, S.W., was selected as the pilot school to kick off an "Into the Streets" program. This is a national initiative designed to introduce more students to thoughtful community service and to provide a learning experience that will challenge them to volunteer on a regular basis. The students have committed themselves to work with Syphax for at least three years. "Into the Streets" will formally adopt Syphax on February 13th.

On January 17th, Syphax student James Hall appeared on Cable Channel 16 to recite the famous Martin Luther King speech, "I Have a Dream."

Syphax kicked off Black History Month with a performance by dancer Christopher Reynolds from the Washington Performing Arts Society. Christopher grew up in the Barry Farms section of southeast Washington and attended Birney Elementary. Syphax students will continue Black History performances for the entire month.

Finally, a visit to the Hirshorn Museum to view the work of sculptor Martin Puryear, a former Syphax student, will conclude activities for the month.

THE CAPITAL WOODWIND QUINTET IS JOINED BY PIANIST MARY K. ERNST SUNDAY, MARCH 1

The Capital Woodwind Quintet is joined by pianist Mary Kathleen Ernst on Sunday, March 1, 1992, in a program entitled "Warming Winds." The concert takes place at 5 PM at Temple Micah/St. Augustine's Church located at 6th and M Streets, S.W. across from Arena Stage.

The program includes Doppler's "Trio" (flute, horn and piano); Schumann's "Romances" (oboe and piano); Glinka's "Trio Pathétique" (clarinet, bassoon and piano) D'Indy's "Sarabande and Minuet" (full quintet and piano); and Riegger's "Concerto for Piano and Woodwind Quintet."

Mary Kathleen Ernst has won critical acclaim internationally for her performances at major concert halls and music festivals throughout the United States and Europe. Among her many awards are top prizes in the Jose Iturbi International Piano Competition, National Federation of Music Clubs Competition, National Endowment career grants (1986 and 1987), the United States Information Agency award for outstanding artistic and human qualities, and an Artist-in-Education grant from the National Endowment for the arts. Ms. Ernst is on the music faculty of Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, WV. Her concert schedule this season includes performances at the Kennedy Center, the Jewish Community Center (Montgomery County); the Milbrook Orchestra (WV), the Cumberland Valley Chamber Orchestra (MD) and recitals in London, Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem.

All concert-goers are invited to meet Ms. Ernst and quintet members at a reception following the concert.

BEST SELLING AUTHOR VISITS VAN NESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dori Sanders, author of the best selling novel, *Clover*, visited the students at Van Ness Elementary School for a program in recognition of Black History Month. Ms. Sanders' visit was arranged through the United States Department of Agriculture. USDA and Van Ness School are Partners in Education.

During Ms. Sanders' presentation, she shared with the students many stories about her childhood. She was grew up in a very small area of Georgia. These stories mesmerized the students. Her story telling skills made rural Georgia come alive. They were motivated to ask many thought provoking and challenging questions. Also, she involved the students throughout the program. She had students participate in several role playing activities. These activities were excellent learning experiences for both the participants and the audience.

At the conclusion of this exciting program, the students spontaneously gave Ms. Dori Sanders a standing ovation as she presented the school library with an autographed copy of her book, *Clover*.

Here are some quotes by critics about *Clover*. "Infusing her first novel with black vernacular as convincing as Alice Walker's imaginative metaphors that rival Maya Angelou's and humor as delicious as Zora Neale Hurston's, Sanders has created a refreshing new voice." - *Publishers Weekly*

"Dori Sanders really sees well, nature and people, and she can describe the emotions of a young girl with the best of them." - Ernest J. Gaines

"*Clover* is a bright, stirring, impressive book. Dori Sanders can write." - Kaye Gibbons

RANDALL SCHOOL REUNION

Randall School, located at 1st and I Streets, Southwest Washington, DC, originally opened its doors as an Elementary School in 1863. Fifty-six years later in 1919, the school was transformed to a Junior High; fifty-one graduation classes later in 1970, it was known as Randall Senior High School. Twelve years later in 1982, the school was closed permanently. For one hundred twenty-nine years, faculty, alumni, family and friends have contributed to the economic growth of our community.


The Randall Reunion Committee is presently organizing an Annual Multi-Class Reunion. Production of a memory book is scheduled for March 18, 1992. This book will contain advertisements, pictures, discount coupons and greetings. The book will be presented to all faculty, alumni, family and friends who attend the annual reunion.

The Randall Reunion Committee, Inc., is asking that you help make future endeavors successful by 1) advertising in the RRCI Annual Memory Book; 2) say hello to your classmates; 3) send a donation; 4) show off your kids and grandkids. Call 678-4743 for information.

BASKETBALL TO BENEFIT FAFE FRIDAY MARCH 6, 7:30

A basketball game between the Phillips Flagship Restaurant Team and a WKYS Team will benefit the Fight Substance Abuse Among Young People (FAFE). The game will be held at Jefferson Junior High school on Friday March 6th at 7:30. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children and will be available at the door or in advance at the podium at Phillips Restaurant, 900 Water St. Contact Betty Pyne 488-8515

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- 1 Alonzo Pietro, the Black man who captained the ship "Nina" and Columbus landing on American soil.
- 2 Crispus Attucks was the first man to die for American freedom, during the "Boston Massacre" of March 5, 1770.
- 3 Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable was the first settler in Chicago.
- 4 Benjamin Banneker, inventor and astronomer, surveying and planning the city of Washington, D.C.
- 5 First Black church was dedicated by Reverend Richard Allen in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1794, and later became the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- 6 Slave labor, backbone of an economy for three centuries.
- 7 Hiram R. Revels, first Black senator elected to Congress.
- 8 Dr. Booker T. Washington, educator, speaking to a group of businessmen.
- 9 Harriet Tubman, the "Moses of her people," leading escaped slaves through the underground railroad.
- 10 Matthew A. Henson, first man to reach the North Pole, driving his dogs.
- 11 Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, the first surgeon to operate successfully on the human heart.
- 12 Dr. George Washington Carver, educator and agricultural scientist, working in his laboratory.
- 13 Dr. Charles Drew, a leading authority on the preservation of blood plasma, set up the first blood banks in England and the United States.
- 14 Marian Anderson, contralto singer, was the first Black person to be engaged by the Metropolitan Opera.
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., preacher, orator, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and non-violent civil rights leader, musing "I have a dream."

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RECALLING THE CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE

On Sunday, March 15, at 12:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Episcopal Church will host a potluck luncheon and program on "Recalling the Civil Rights Struggle." The program will recap the sharing of memories about the Civil Rights struggle by people who were actually a part of the movement. Alice Stovall, former secretary to Chief Justice Thurgood Marshall, and Gloria Branker, a member of Marshall's staff, will participate in the program.

The program will also consist of a general discussion and question period. Points of discussion will include references to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and its role as the chief instrument for implementing the Supreme Court decision which called for the desegregation of education. Various reference books and videos on the subject will be used to complement the discussion.

The potluck luncheon and program will be held at St. Augustine's Church, 600 M Street, N.W. For information, please call 554-3222.

MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

If I have a legacy to leave my people, it is my philosophy of living and serving.

Here, Then, is My Legacy...

I leave you love. Love builds. It is positive and helpful.

I leave you hope. Yesterday, our ancestors endured the degradation of slavery, yet they retained their dignity.

I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another. This kind of confidence will aid the economic rise of the race by bringing together the pennies and dollars of our people and ploughing them into useful channels.

I leave you thirst for education.

Knowledge is the prime need of the hour.

I leave you a respect for the uses of power. Power, intelligently directed, can lead to more freedom.

I leave you faith. Faith in God is the greatest power, but great, too, is faith in oneself.

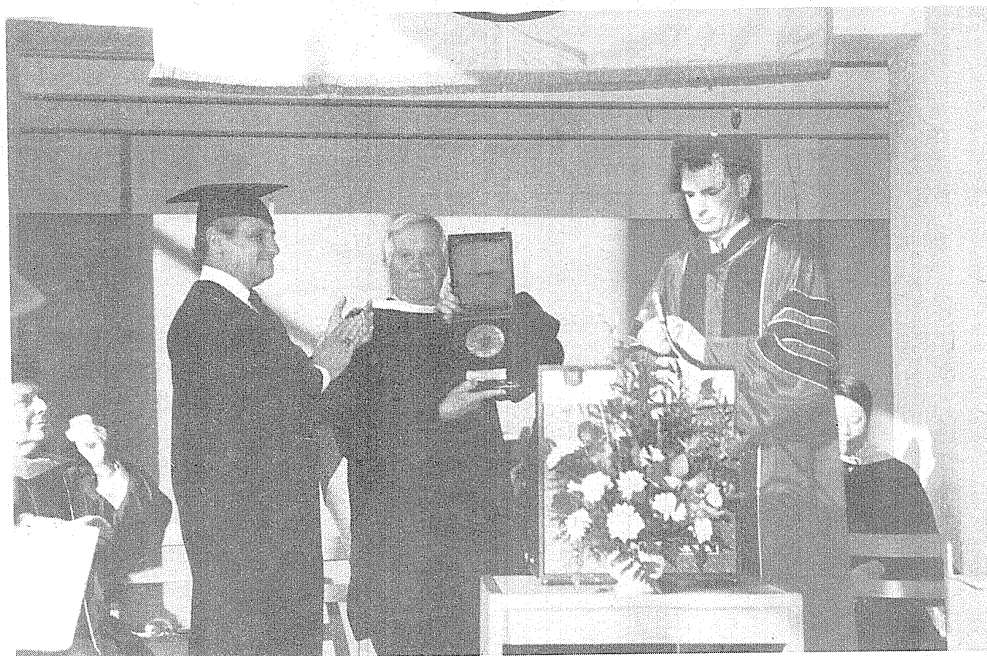
I leave you racial dignity. I want Negroes to maintain their human dignity at all costs.

I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow man.

I leave you, finally, a responsibility to our young people. The world around us really belongs to youth for youth will take over its future management.

Mary McLeod Bethune

SOUTHWESTER SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE



Former SEU Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Frank Mann holds up Honorary Degree

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERS HONORARY DEGREES

Southeastern University held its Seventh Associate Degree Commencement in January. The procession included platform guest, Board of Trustees, Faculty and Degree Candidates.

President W. Robert Higgins began and closed the program with Lucy Doody, SEU Comptroller giving the invocation and benediction. Welcoming greetings were provided by Edmund W. Smallwood, Acting Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Commencement Address was delivered by the Honorable R. David Hall, President, Board of Education for the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Receiving Honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters were R. David Hall, Houg Kaung King and Frank E. Mann, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Assisting Dr. Higgins and Mr. Edmunds during the conferral of Honorary Degrees was Florence Agbonytor, Dean of Student Affairs.

Associate Degrees were conferred in Accounting, Business Management, Computer Information System and Legal Support Science.



SEU President W. Robert Higgins addresses commencement audience

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